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AND MAY 19 NAC MEETING

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1. IN ANDREANI'S ABSENCE, WE PRESENTED REF (A) VIEWS
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TO QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR
(JEAN-PIERRE BEAUCHATAUD) MAY 18. BEAUCHATAUD SAID
FRENCH POSITION WAS FIRM ON OLD PARAGRAPHS 21 AND 26
(PARAGRAPHS 235 AND 240 IN REF C OF TEXT). FRENCH
COULD NOT ACCEPT REFERENCES TO CONSULTATION IN EITHER
OF THESE PLACES.

2. ON CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH (PARA 29 IN OLD TEXT; PARA 243 IN REF C TEXT), FRENCH HAD SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBILITY. THEY CANNOT ACCEPT A REFERENCE TO CONSULTATION AS IT APPEARS IN THE FIRST BRACKETTED SENTENCE ("EACH ALLY WILL PLAY ITS FULL ROLE IN THIS PROCESS, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER ALLIES AND, ETC."), SINCE IT IMPLIES THAT ON EVERY EAST-WEST ACTION THERE MUST BE CLOSE CONSULTATION, WHICH IS CONTRARY TO FRENCH VIEW THAT DETENTE CAN ONLY BE ADVANCED OUTSIDE OF THE MILITARY BLOCS. BEAUCHATAUD SAID FRENCH COULD ACCEPT THIS SENTENCE IF "IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER ALLIES AND" IS DELETED. FRENCH CAN ACCEPT THE SECOND BRACKETTED SENTENCE INCLUDING REFERENCE TO OTTAWA DECLARATION.

3. WE ADVANCED ARGUMENTS INCLUDED IN REF B AND PROBED BEAUCHATAUD FURTHER, AND HE INDICATED THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF FLEXIBILITY:

-- FRENCH HAVE NO STRONG FEELINGS OVER WHETHER "MOST EFFECTIVE OR "PRIVILEGED" IS USED IN SECOND BRACKETTED SENTENCE OF LAST PARA, AND IF IT HELPS TO FIND A COMPROMISE THEY WILL ACCEPT "MOST EFFECTIVE."

-- IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FRENCH COULD ACCEPT A PHRASE REFLECTING THE CONCEPT OF "CLOSE CONSULTATION
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WITH THE OTHER ALLIES" IN THE BRACKETTED SECTION OF LAST PARA, PROVIDED THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT LINKED WITH BRPHRASEOLOGY OF FIRST BRACKETTED SENTENCE; IN OTHER WORDS, IF CONCEPT OF DIVERSITY AND FREEDOM OF ACTION AND DECISION STANDS BY ITSELF AND IS NOT QUALIFIED BY THE IMPLIED NECESSITY TO CONSULT ON EVERYTHING. BEAUCHATAUD THOUGHT THAT PHRASE-MAKERS IN BRUSSELS SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A SUITABLE WORDING.
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